square with two wings of bowmen standing in flank, he said, * My masters, if you will go with me, you shall not go out of the land, but I will spend my life with you ' The pikemen asked if they should go with him then, to which Sir John replied, ' You shall go with a better man than myself or Sir Thomas Lucas, here is a nobleman of the blood royal, brother to tie Earl of Beauchamp, to whom I am assistant[3] He said also that there was a press out for 1,000 men, but those who followed him should go no further than he went, that there were traitors about the Court, and that the Lord Treasurei was a traitor of traitors , the common people had been a long time oppressed and should have redress if they would go with him

The two gentlemen held up their hands and said they would go with him , and some of the soldiers stepping out of their ranks would have followed him, but through the persuasion of those standing by, being gentlemen, constables and men of the wiser sort, who asked them if they would be hanged, they returned to their ranks and made a condition that if their captains would go, they would , whereupon Sir John and his company went away greatly discontented

i^thjune SIR JOHN SMYTHE

The Council, being informed of the mattei concerning Sir John Smythe, upon this offensive and unexpected accident send Sir Henry Gray to command him upon his allegiance to appear before them at Court forthwith, and if he shall male any extraordinary delay or attempt to escape, Sir Henry hath full authority to call unto him any forces which he may think necessary

\yhjune THE DEATH OF DR FLETCHER

Dr Fletcher, the Bishop of London, is dead upon the sudden
He was taking tobacco in his chair (wherewith since his unfortunate marriage he hath sought to smother his cares), when he cried out to his man that stood by him, * Oh boy, I die'
Hereat one hath written this epitaph upon him

[c] Here lies the first prelate made
Christendom see
A bishop a husband unto a lady ,
The cause of his death was secret and hid,
He cried out, " I die " , and e'en so he did '